UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

ROBERT ALBERS and CATHERINE ALBERS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,

Defendant.

NO. CV-09-5058-EFS

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND CLOSING FILE

Before the Court is Defendant Nationstar Mortgage, Inc.'s ("Nationstar") Motion for Summary Judgment, ECF No. 34, which was filed on August 23, 2011. Nationstar seeks entry of judgment in its favor because Plaintiffs Robert and Catherine Albers cannot prove their Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Washington Consumer Protection Act, or tort causes of action. Although more than sixty-five days have passed since the motion's filing, which is more than the twenty-one-day response period granted by Local Rule 7.1(c)(1), Plaintiffs have not responded to this motion. Plaintiffs previously were warned in connection with their failure to file a timely response to Defendants' prior dismissal motion that a failure to file a timely response is considered as consent to

Defendant amended its motion on September 29, 2011, ECF Nos.  $\underline{37}$  &  $\underline{38}$ ; however, the amendment only added line numbers for cited-to depositions. There was no substantive change to the motion.

entry of an adverse Order. ECF No. 24 (citing LR 7.1(e)). Because Plaintiffs were previously warned of the consequences of failing to file a timely response and because their response is more than forty days<sup>2</sup> overdue, the Court considers their failure to respond to be consent to the relief sought by Nationstar: entry of judgment in Nationstar's favor. Accordingly, the Court grants Nationstar's summary-judgment motion and strikes the November 15, 2011 hearing on this motion.

For the above-given reasons, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. Nationstar's Motion for Summary Judgment, ECF No. 34, is GRANTED.
  - 2. Judgment is to be entered in Nationstar's favor with prejudice.
  - 3. All pending motions and hearings are STRICKEN.
  - 4. This file shall be CLOSED.

IT IS SO ORDERED. The District Court Executive is directed to enter this Order and provide copies to counsel.

**DATED** this  $\underline{28^{th}}$  day of October 2011.

S/ Edward F. Shea EDWARD F. SHEA United States District Judge

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Even if Plaintiffs' response deadline is calculated from September 29, 2011, their response is still untimely.

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